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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 143946

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TBIO, TPHY, NP

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF MONKEY EXPORTS FROM NEPAL

REF: KATHMANDU 2231

1. WILEY HARRIS, HOUSTON, TEXAS, IMPORTER OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS, PLANS VISIT KATHMANDU WEEK OF JUNE 19 IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHIPMENT OF PARROTS. HE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING FOR EXPORT RIGHTS FOR SOME NEPALESE RHESUS MONKEYS AND EXPECTS TO MEET WITH "HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" DURING VISIT THERE.

2. HARRIS HAS APPROACHED USG'S INTERAGENCY PRIMATE STEERING COMMITTEE (IPSC) AND HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THAT COMMITTEE OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN OBTAINING RHESUS MONKEYS TO AUGMENT U.S. BREEDING PROGRAMS AND TO MEET OUR MOST URGENT CONFIDENTIAL

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NEEDS SUCH AS POLIO VACCINE SAFETY TESTING. IPSC IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION THAT ANY RHESUS RECEIVED WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

3. HARRIS WILL CALL AT EMBASSY SOON AFTER ARRIVAL. ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE ACTING AS FREE AGENT, THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING RHESUS FROM NEPAL IS OF OFFICIAL INTEREST AND ANY

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED HIM WILL BE APPRECIATED.

4. IF NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY MAY GIVE ASSURANCES TO GON THAT RHESUS PROVIDED FOR IPSC WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR U.S. BREEDING COLONIES AND VACCINE SAFETY TESTS.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING FROM EMBASSY ON RESULTS OF HARRIS VISIT. VANCE

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